

Town of Highland 2015 Art & Cultural District Survey Overview

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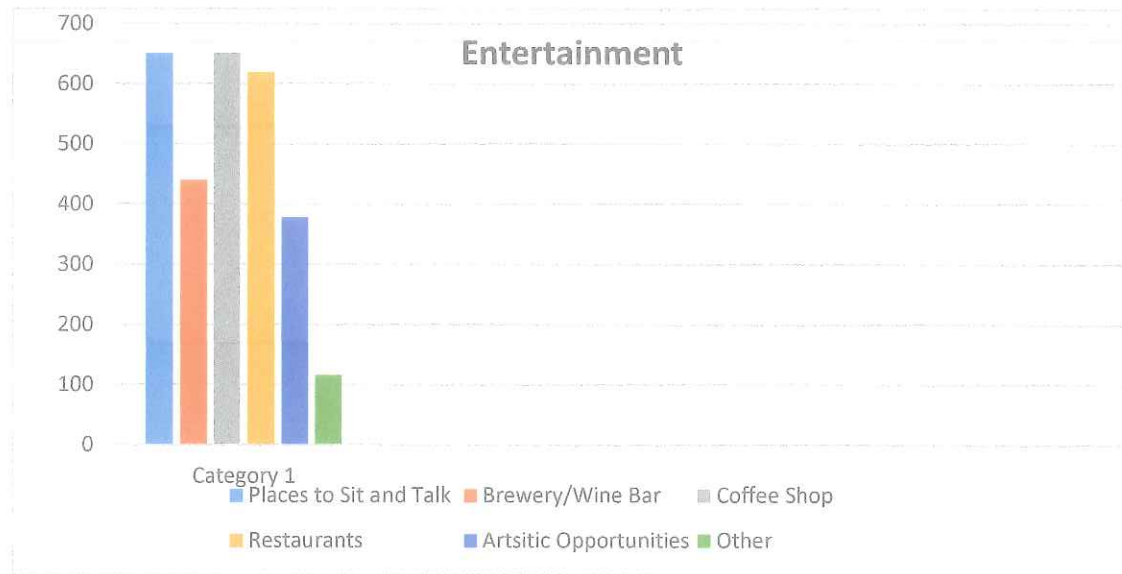
1. What aesthetic features would you like to see in Downtown Highland (Fountains, gardens, outdoor sculptures gathering space, outdoor art, murals, etc.)



Results based on more than one answer per 1065 responders:

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| 1. Fountains—594 | 56% of respondents would like |
| 2. Gardens—692 | 65% |
| 3. Outdoor Art—308 | 29% |
| 4. Murals—182 | 17% |
| 5. Sculptures—326 | 30% |
| 6. Gathering Spaces—558 | 52% |
| 7. *Other—107 | 10% |

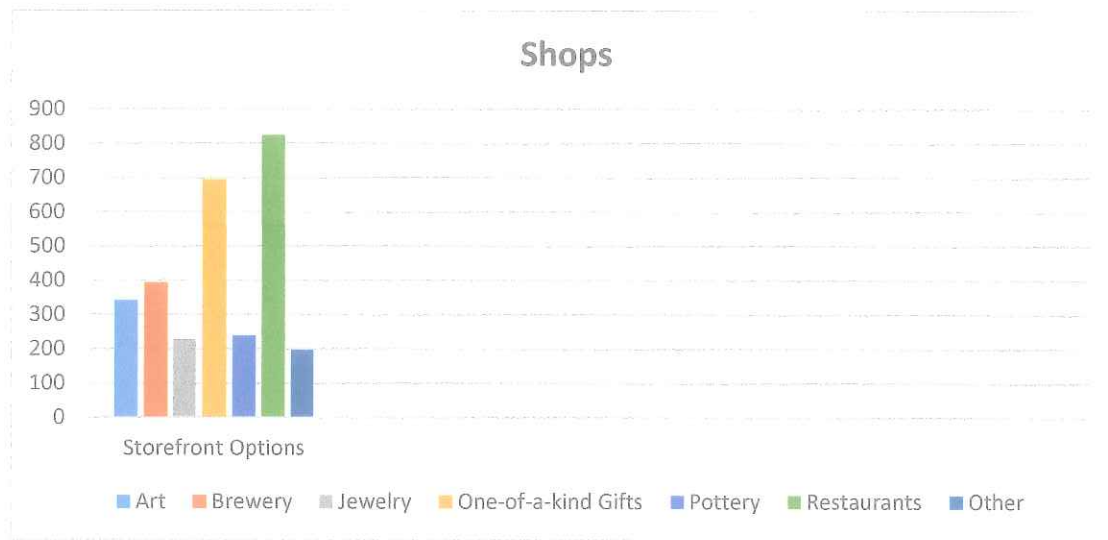
2. What type of entertainment should be located here?



Results based on more than one answer per 1065 responders:

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| 1. Places to Sit and Talk—651 | 61% of respondents would like |
| 2. Brewery/Wine Bar—444 | 41% |
| 3. Coffee Shop—655 | 61% |
| 4. Restaurant—622 | 58% |
| 5. Artistic opportunities—380 | 36% |
| 6. *Other—117 | 11% |

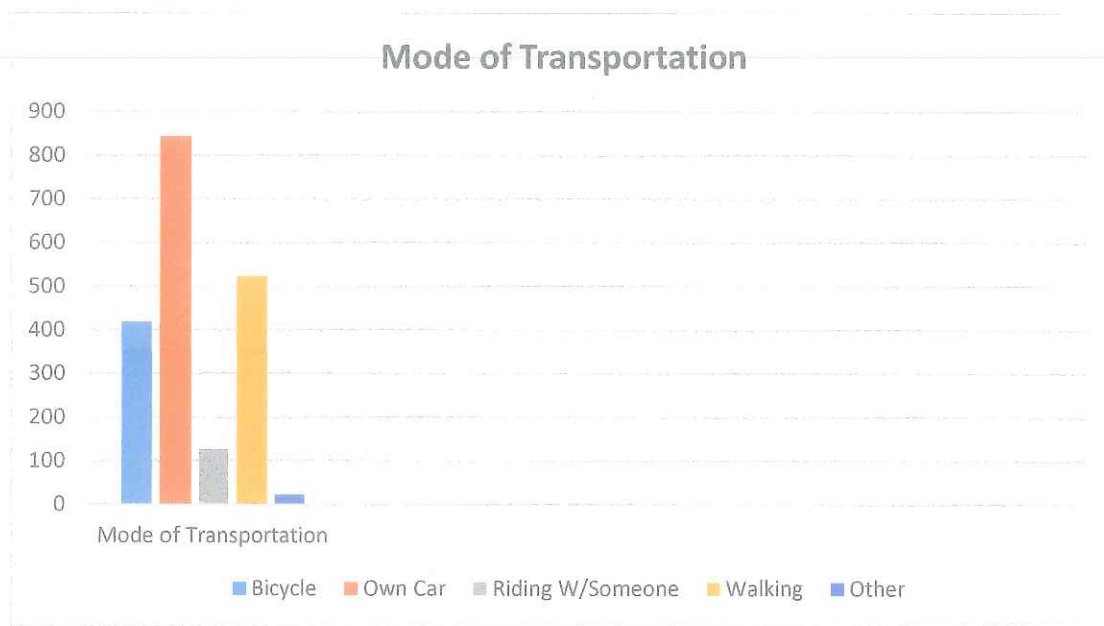
3. What type of shops would you frequent in an Art and Cultural District? (Such as jewelry, pottery, one of a kind gift items, restaurants, brewery, artistic items, and etc.)



Results based on more than one answer per 1065 responders:

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| 1. Art—344 | 32% of respondents would like |
| 2. Brewery—394 | 37% |
| 3. Jewelry—231 | 21% |
| 4. One-of-a-kind Gifts—697 | 66% |
| 5. Pottery—240 | 23% |
| 6. Restaurants—828 | 78% |
| 7. *Other—200 | 19% |

4. What mode of transportation would you use to get to Downtown Highland?



Results based on more than one answer per 1065 responders:

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| 1. Bicycle—421 | 39% of respondents would like |
| 2. Own Car—846 | 79% |
| 3. Riding W/Someone—128 | 12% |
| 4. Walking—528 | 49% |
| 5. *Other—24 | .02% |

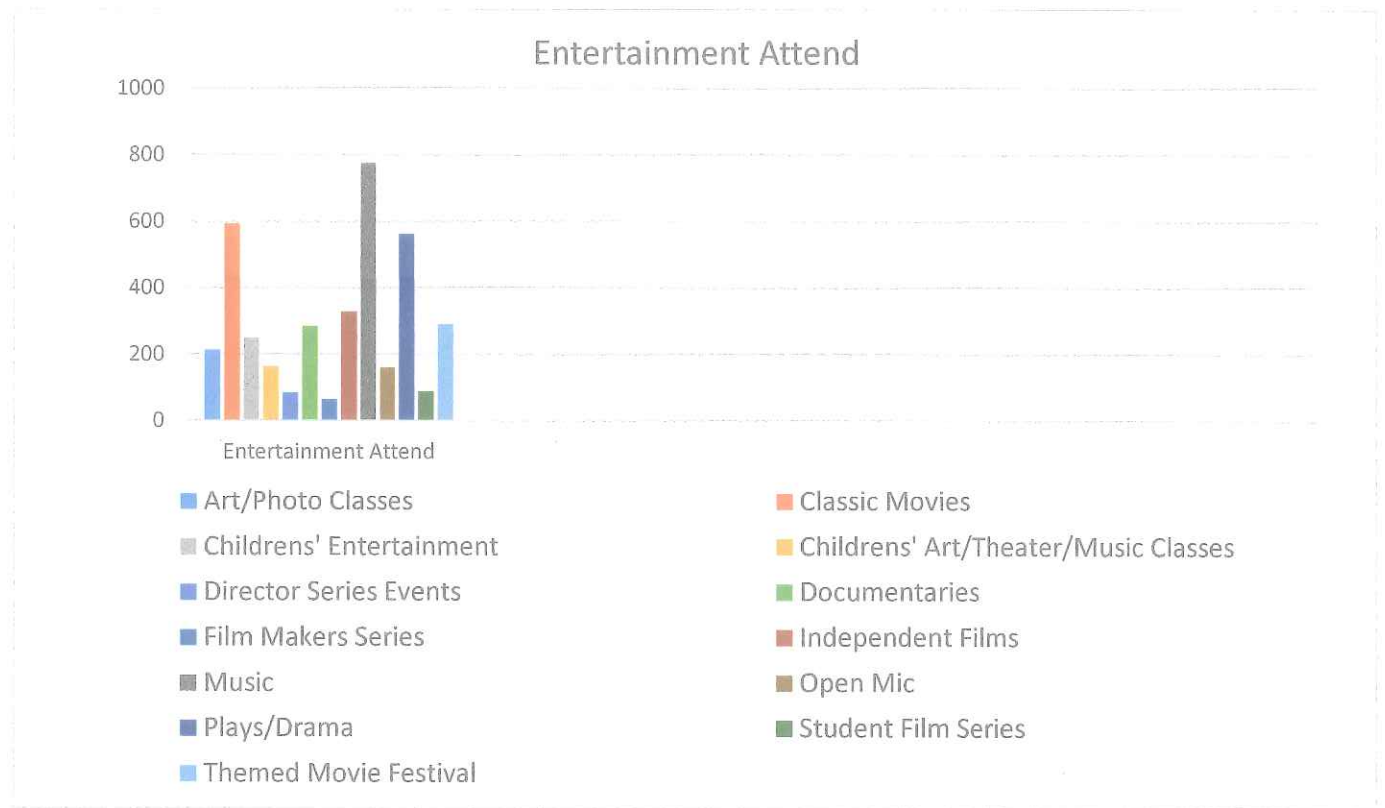
5. If driving where do you park in Downtown Highland?



Results based on more than one answer per 1065 responders:

1. Public Parking Lots—483 **45% of respondents**
2. Side Street Parking—656 **61%**
3. Other Places of Business—193 **18%**
4. *Other—62 **.06%**

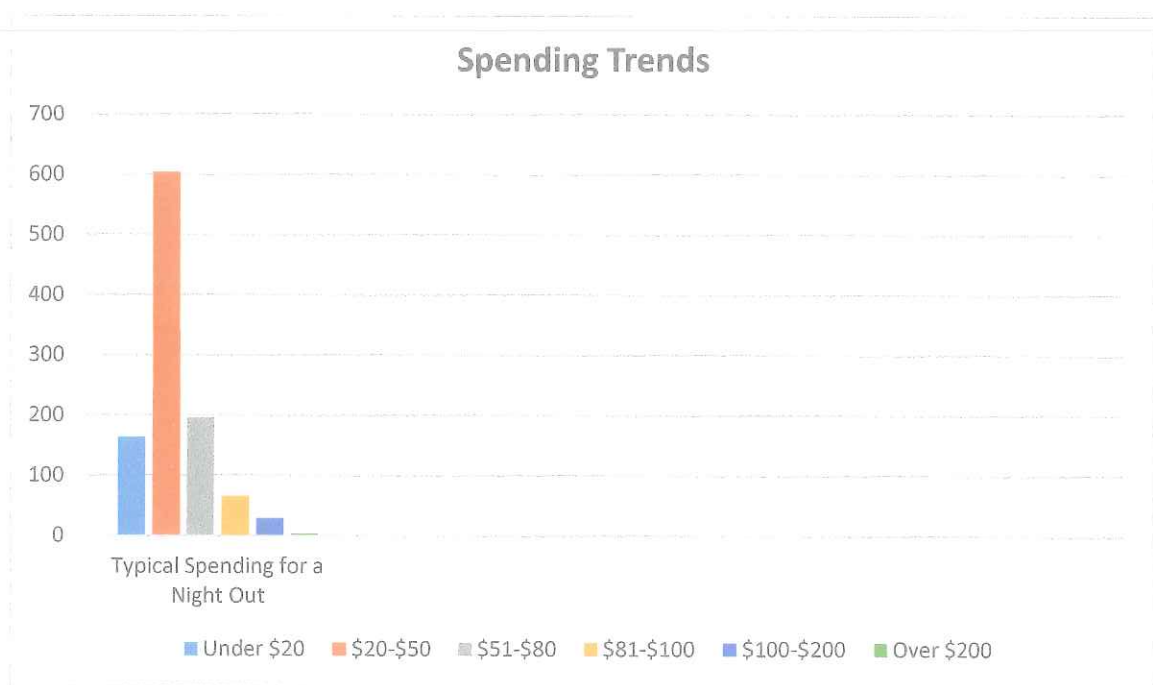
6. In regards to the Town Theatre in Downtown Highland what kind of entertainment would you attend?



Results based on more than one answer per 1065 responders:

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| 1. Art/Photo Classes—215 | 20% of respondents would like |
| 2. Classic Movies—596 | 56% |
| 3. Children Entertainment—251 | 24% |
| 4. Children Art/Theater/Music Classes—164 | 15% |
| 5. Director Series Events—86 | 8% |
| 6. Documentary—286 | 27% |
| 7. Film Maker Series—67 | 6% |
| 8. Independent Films—329 | 31% |
| 9. Music—778 | 73% |
| 10. Open Mic—160 | 15% |
| 11. Plays/Drama—565 | 53% |
| 12. Student Film Events—88 | 8% |
| 13. Themed Movie Festivals—293 | 27% |

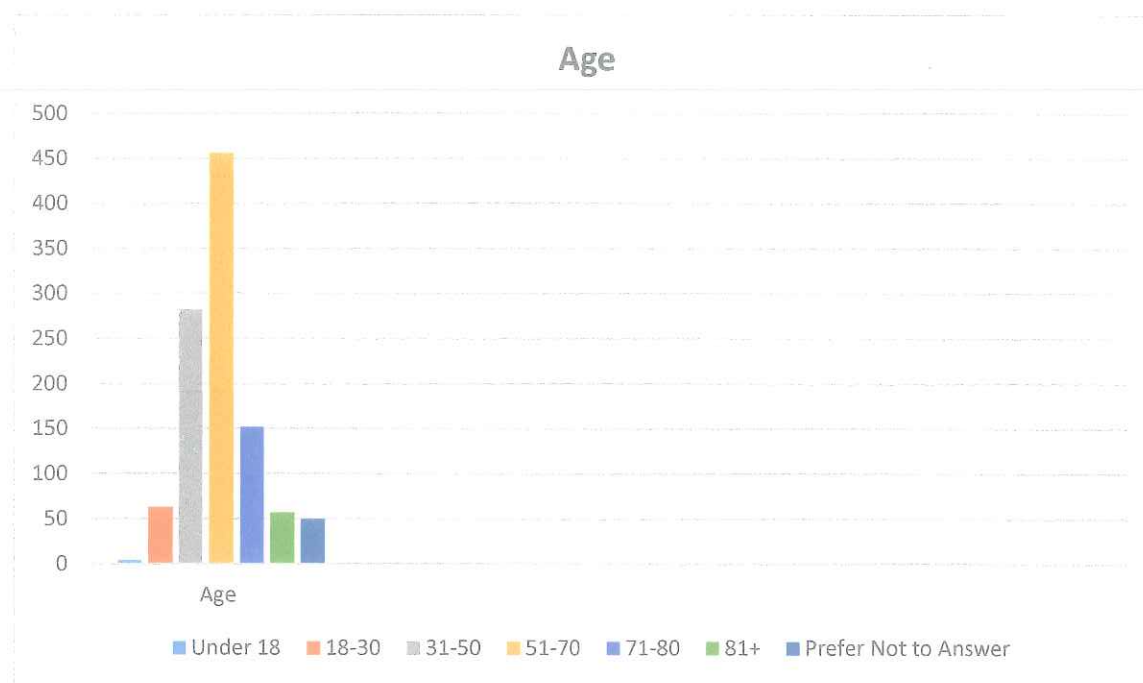
7. How much do you typically spend on an evening out?



Results based on one answer per 1065 responders:

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| 1. Under \$20—164 | 15% of respondents |
| 2. \$20-\$50—608 | 57% |
| 3. \$51-\$80—196 | 18% |
| 4. \$81-\$100—66 | 6% |
| 5. \$100-\$200—29 | 3% |
| 6. More Than \$200—3 | .3% |

8. What age group are you in?



Results based on one answer per 1065 responders:

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| 1. Under 18—4 | .04% of responders |
| 2. 18-30—64 | 6% |
| 3. 31-50—284 | 26% |
| 4. 51-70—457 | 43% |
| 5. 71-80—152 | 14% |
| 6. 81+—58 | 5% |
| 7. Prefer Not to Answer—50 | 5% |

9. What is your gender?



Results based on one answer per 1065 responders:

1. 300 men **28%** of responders
2. 722 women **68%**
3. 34 prefer not to answer **4%**

10. Where do you live?



Results based on more than one answer per 1065 responders:

1. 1006 Highland Resident **94%** of responders
2. 20 live within 5 miles **.2%**
3. 15 indicated other **.1%**

****All "OTHER" responses are included as separate attachments to this report.***

OTHER- GENERAL COMMENTS WRITTEN ON SURVEY UNRELATED TO A SPECIFIC QUESTION

My concern in all of this survey is the Town Theater should be planned for future and have seating for 500.

Thank you for considering community input.

I also think that if you want to build the arts district in a specific area, you have to also attract businesses to and expand to other areas of downtown not just limited to one area.

Need to improve intersection at Kennedy Ave/Little Cal Bridge - 80/94 interstate.

Need to improve intersection at Highway Ave/Cline to Ridge Road. These roads are terrible - they look ghetto -- gives bad 1st impressions.

Fantastic questionnaire! Great job Purdue Calumet students!

This all sounds good to me -- as long as it doesn't become somewhere for trouble-makers to hang out.

Wish our town was like Griffith. Instead we have resale shops and million dollar police station. Now that should bring in people. Maybe our council should go walk Griffith.

You have wasted enough money, including the "Taj Mahal" police station and the Lincoln Center.

My daughter filled this questionnaire out for me. I am going blind. I wish Highland offered senior citizen transportation.

Do something about the decaying homes that are not kept up. Enforce codes for lawn care.

Quit wasting more tax \$.

There should be more things for children to do, other than expensive festivals.

Any of these will be lovely! Thank you.

The Town Council should try to run the town before it thinks it can operate a failed business. More taxpayer money wasted.

I think this could really help revitalize our charming downtown!!!

The Arts and Culture District is a waste of money. The Town Theater is a boondoggle.

A nice little cul-de-sac-- no cars -- on foot only would be nice. Bring in street magicians, clowns, roaming musicians -- don't charge them -- just sign up -- let them pass the hat.

The theatre is a waste of money

There is no room in this town for any of these areas. Fix the streets and sidewalks instead.

This is a bunch of bologna! Dump the district. Demolish the Town Theater! Cut my taxes- Lower my bill.

OTHER- Q #1- WHAT AESTHETIC FEATURES WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IN DOWNTOWN HIGHLAND

Thriving businesses, some with art connections.

Would be nice to have an area for skateboarders away from OLG. Murals if one nicely and with purpose. Fountains - "Jumping" or like at McCormick Place.

All of the above would be great! I chose my top 3 to make it easier to find a focus interest.

No more retro décor, it is really bad looking.

Green space.

Benches

Getting rid of the Hookah Lounge and Franco's trashy bar. Please, no more liquor stores, bars or other places.

I would like to see a modern décor that would reflect a large "city" aspect.

Play area.

Bathrooms

Theater for Live Productions

Benches

Murals -- only if professional

Murals -- truly dislike the one under Ridge Road along Kennedy.

All the above -- Fountains, gardens, gathering spaces, outdoor art, outdoor sculptures and murals

Congratulation on the Sycamore Ave project. It turned out beautiful.

Fountains -- yes. Benches

Think about areas with popular themes -- downtown Naperville, for example, that area mid-\$ experiences/attractions. Also, downtown LaGrange, downtown Hinsdale, downtown Oak Park, Long Grove, etc.

What about a children's garden -- cross between a park and garden (like Moton Arboretum) that can be enjoyed by both adults and kids but not limited to just kids stuff -- maybe by library.

Benches to sit down.

Tagging

It all sounds beautiful

Neighborhoods Inc benches. Put classic art pieces on sides of buildings per neighborhoods Inc's approach. Imagine the tourism impact.

Look, Neighborhoods Inc. should be retained to perform specific objectives in this project.

Diversity Art reflecting the community.

String of white lights on buildings/trees.

Riverwalk featuring seating and food carts/trucks.

Check out the murals in downtown Naperville, IL. Mural includes businesses and churches from all over town and families from town.

More shops.

Bring back simple things in life. Art, games, summer park activities (not expensive) for kids. Too much tech couch potato's.

Need outdoor activities. Small town feel and of course movie theater.

Coffee Bar.

Green energy well lit bike path.

Splash pad

Hanging baskets on light poles -- other towns have them, they are beautiful

Better parking

Outdoor instruments

Public pool

Benches to sit and visit

Benches

Only free features. Quit wasting tax \$'s.

None. Why waste \$\$\$. No foot traffic to view it.

Trader Joes

Repaired streets

More parking, bumpouts gone. Nice dog park. Not dirt!

I like the downtown as it is now. The planters and trees are beautiful. Don't over do it!!

Brick paver sidewalks/pathes, lamp posts similar to ones on Highway Avenue

Any of the above would add to the downtown or Town Theater area.

Personalized paver bricks for purchase to help raise money

Benches

Low maintenance/inexpensive perennials

Anything but BARS!

Seating areas

Recycled materials

Actual all of these sound good

Green is good!

Displays bny students. Play areas for children

Outdoor chess, checkers tables, ice skating in winter, outdoor market with vendors at Christmas

Something small that won't take away parking spaces like they did on Highway Ave

Benches

Seating/benches

Misting stations on bike path

More trees and landscape deco on Kennedy (looks like a desert on Kennedy). Christmas lights in town

Book store

Parking

Reason none other: garderns and art too much upkeep, costs

Please replace the blue "Welcome to Highland" clock at the merge of Ridge Road and Highway. The structure at the new bridge on Highway 41 is beautiful -- the blue one is not.

Outdoor beer garden. It would be fun if, once a month or so, no cars would be allowed on Highway and only adults could be downtown and walk around with drinks and sample local food during the warm weather months.

Traffic calming strategies such as narrow streets, green median strip on Kennedy, less concrete and asphalt -- more shade, bike lanes protected from traffic, lots of human-scale green space, just like in the drawing on this page.

Ask bikers etc. to let people know they are coming from behind on bike trails. I've been thrown once! I have a bell on my bike!!

Interpretive signage -- historical, "What was here"

Clean

Benches

Bakery

Seasonal banners -- hanging flower baskets

A place where people can congregate and talk

Fresh brick sidewalk -- no weeds!

Cement benches. Murals -- possibly. Depend what it's a mural of -- landscapes or scenery 'yes' -- abstract 'no'

Multi-cultural aesthetics

Various musicians. Fountains like at Wicker Park
All of the above sound wonderful
Gardens -- save the bees
The name of the business the trees are blocking and growing into the signs. (Hoosier) Try to Lincoln sign.
Better parking
Outdoor café's
No murals on side of building
No vacant buildings
OK as is
Parks
Roller/ice skating rink. Kite flying. R/C track
Seasonal exhibits (scarecrows, snowmen, patriotic, etc). More things like the ducks. Murals -- better than brick walls!
A moving marquis (neon) reflecting the past (example, 20 years ago today!), the future, news of the day
Bicycle racks
Gardens -- native plants. Fountains -- something relaxing. Shade trees -- native specimens
Not a fan of the Hookah lounge next door to the theatre.
Better parking! Make the spots straight not angled! Can't see oncoming traffic
Changing of lamp post globes down Highway to match those at Main Square. Currently you can barely notice the existing lamps at night because the lights are recessed.
More parking spots
Brick sidewalks, motorcycle parking, bicycle racks
Nice sidewalks like other towns and landscaping
Outdoor art (changeable). Outdoor sculptures that can be purchased and therefore replaced by another sculpture -- always presenting something new for the public to see
Keep angle parking spaces, remove unsightly restaurant fronts from sidewalk, stop these foolish tax dollar investments
Push cart food vendors during the summer
Stop wasting my money
Nothing waste of tax dollars
A few fountains -- sculpture also
Please no more art work like the one under the Kennedy bridge. It needs to be finished with a frame and cleaning; set off by gardens
Benches, roller skating (summer), ice skating (winter)
Pet friendly areas
Leave it alone
Misting station like @ Six Flags and many bike paths
Low cost features -- low maintenance. Murals by students or local artists
Bicycle -- specific lanes. Bridge connecting Highland to Munster over the Hart Ditch
4th of July parade is much too loud! Community swimming pool
Real businesses not thrift stores ie: Bible Missions
Get rid of the bump outs in downtown. They were a stupid idea!!!!
Less empty buildings
Murals -- the mural under Ridge Rd overpass looks like graffiti already
The planters we have now, don't have flowers in them. We can't seem to take care of them let alone putting a garden in
Gardens -- butterfly. Ask residents to donate flowers for this!

Designer benches for sitting
Additional lighting/fun lighting enhances the appearance
Would love to see it all there!!
Small pond with fish
Fix the road going to the downtown area. It's terrible!!
N/A -- Don't care
Community garden.
Taco shops and punk rock bars

OTHER- Q #2- WHAT TYPE OF ENTERTAINMENT SHOULD BE LOCATED HERE

Outdoor café.

Get rid of Hookah shop, cash for gold and other less classy (Trashy) stores.

I numbered them because they would all be great.

No more bars please. Too many in Highland already. Art shows, move farmers market, craft fairs.

Please consider working with the Indiana Writers' Consortium www.indianawritersconsortium.org.

Already surrounded with bars and restaurants on Highway and Kennedy.

Bookstore, reading, library.

Environmental and gardening classes.

Community classes, play area.

Theater for movie or live productions.

No bars or brewery's.

Brewery/Wine Bar with outdoor seating.

Brewery/Wine Bar -- bad.

Brewery/Wine Bar -- no.

Restaurants - outside seating in summer.

Wine Bar

We have too many liquor stores as it is!!!

A pet friendly patio at a restaurant or area for leashed dogs to sit with their owners.

Ice cream/chocolate shop

Something geared more towards younger people and young families with outdoor beer garden for warm weather.

As far as restaurants, less fast food/burger joints and more like Artisan Pizza, bistro/café, Italian (like Francesca's), steak place, or something that will attract people from surrounding areas. NWI is pretty lacking in good restaurants so I would suggest trying to attract those types of businesses. It would help grow everything else.

Ice Cream shop.

Ice cream, family friendly.

Paint your own canvas and wine night. Include children in day/evening sometimes.

Gourmet wine shop.

Less alcohol service - too much already.

Live music.

No brewery/wine bar

This would take away nearby bar's business which we wouldn't want.

Restaurant at Theatre for Dinner Theatre occasions.

Concerts - like local rock bands.

Ice Cream shop. Star Bucks coffee shop

Outdoor dining. An old time store like Ben Franklin.

Tapas themed bars/restaurant.

Wine tasting.

Star Bucks.

Coffee shop - yes! Would be great!

Open Mic night would be a great idea for all talent

Childrens shows

Coffee/Tea shop

Arts and crafts and food booths like Griffith every week
I would love a coffee shop
Splash pad
All of above
As long as it does not cost tax \$'s.
None
Country and Jazz
Tired of beer gardens everywhere. Let's have family stuff without drinks!
Outside, seating, coffee/sandwich shop with acoustic entertainment
Cruise nights, car shows monthly!
Please try to encourage a family eatery that could be easily accessed from the bike trail in the former Finke's location!!!
Having a glass of wine would be nice, relaxing, outside in front of business.
Cheese shop
Ice cream/ FroYo, tea house/room, musicians
Special events
Good restaurants
Shop with rotating art work from regional people -- photos, paintings and other art work.
Places with outdoor seating
Outdoor cafes
Food vendors with walk about food rent a bicycle
Café/Tea Room
Wine and canvas painting type shop, ceramics painting -- a fun place to go to do craft things.
Areas to sit/talk if space available. Best left for Main Square Park
Tutoring Center for students. Computer education center for students and adults
Restaurants -- not chains
Stand up comedy - Like Munster performing arts has w/buffet. Very affordable and well attended.
I would probably check areas to sit but as a senior with back problems it would have to be quite comfortable (cushions). Tea room
Bring back Fro Yo!!
Bistro with outdoor dining
Live bands
Movies - live entertainment, plays
Ice Cream, yogurt, smoothies
Deli
Dollar store. Ice cream shop
Art galleries, theater, plays
Food Trucks
No alcohol! Music and coffee/tea/etc.
Outdoor beer garden
Tool library, seed exchanges, skill-sharing to increase community resiliency (see "transition Towns" website)
Food trucks once a week (weekends music)
Ice cream, dessert and sandwich shop to replace "Fro-Yo"
Car cruise nights
No more bars
Please, no Greek restaurant. Deli, coffee, lunch, etc. aka Argoni's in downtown Santa Rosa, CA

Artist display and demonstrate in front of business - Summer and Fall. Perhaps Highland Artist Association could have place to meet and exhibit

Parking. Parking. Parking.

Outdoor concerts

Specifically, ice cream!

Please aim to attract non-Highland patrons as well

Any of the above

Local talent, to appeal to all ages! Not "rock" bands.

No more bars

Restaurants good - Not franchise variety!

Cafes

Ice cream shop - bakery

Shut Franko's down!

Coffee Shop - Not Starbucks

Yes, love the arts!

Suggest to restaurants that they add one or two items (healthy foods) to menu

Meeting rooms

No more Mex or Greek!

Organized bike rides

Crafts - Unusual

Art gallery would be nice; something kid-focused too

Something similar to Bellaboo's

Area for kids to play, to compliment sit/talk area. Again lots of shade trees. No loud music! Coffee shop/hot dog stand/dougnt and sweet shop/ice cream

Restaurants -- Maria's and Francos

I think it's a bit inappropriate to have another "brewery" when there is already 3 right around the corner that gets the cops called every weekend.

This should be more family and town oriented. Alcohol does nothing but bring the bad out of people. So lets not spend all of our tax money on drinks.

What about walk-up outdoor food cart? Nice one.

Cruise night - weekly

Gourmet foods and gourmet chocolates - let local businesses contribute! (Let customer rate the product on scale of 1 to 10). No National companies etc.

None

Classic movie theater like one in Palo Alto - beautiful

Yes! Yes! Coffee/music/food shop!!

More outdoor music/kids activities

The town council voted out of office

Coffee shop with homemade pastries. No store chain junk.

Book Store

Food and Drink Stands

Coffee shop - pet friendly

Don't need any alcohol anything, no more food things, not enough parking!

High end deli/convenience store

Coffee Shop - space to have open mic night. (Grindhouse example)

Gift Shoppe

Street fair for local students and artists and craftsmen

Brewery/Wine Bar - we have enough of this in Highland

Need more parking, Langels need parking spaces

- Novelty store/gift shop (oldies shop - music)
- Comedy Club
- Music by local musicians - acoustic outside during the summers
- Things for kids to do
- Areas to sit/talk/walk
- Outdoor areas to sit/talk
- something for our pre-teens/teen to have a hang out spot. A safe hang out. Movie theatre
- Punk rock and Metal bars

OTHER - Q #3- WHAT TYPE OF SHOPS WOULD YOU FREQUENT

Sidewalk cafes like in Paris, France.

No hooka lounges/CD shops or Exotic Aquatics! See Valpo as a guide.

Kids would love (all/any of): an ice cream/guato/dessert and/or smoothie/candy store in walking distance. I would like specialty food places like Tasty Olive or a Restaurant (nice) on the north side near the water and Rookery. More food choices beyond pizza or steak would be nice too. Could we get a Maggiano's/Lettuce Entertain you style restaurant - maybe at the formerly Finke's place?

Art/Pottery combined. Clothing. One factor is that the above shops are not so high end that they are unaffordable to purchase from on a regular basis.

Small grocery, bread, milk, eggs sort of place.

None -- there are already enough. Aim a little higher than shopping.

A resale shop as tasteful as the former "The Comfy Couch".

A good independent (new books) bookstore with an experienced proprietor.

Have all above in Highland. Stop repeating. Griffith and Munster have "Craft Breweries". Don't need more liquor.

Organic, farm to table type of business.

Auto service and cell phone stores. Would be nice to visit shops and restaurants while waiting for car to be serviced.

Antique shop.

Upscale shopping -- Banana Republic, Ann Taylor, Coach, Nordstrom -- please consider any of these shops.

Antiques.

One of a kind business would be fun and cool but can it stay in business? Look what happened to Brumm's.

Music stores. It is a shame that S&J Stereo will no longer be in Highland. The redevelopment commission should have considered the value he brings to the community.

It is very rare to find an independent record store now. S&J was a gem in Highland. Very disappointing that it will be gone.

Restaurants with outdoor seating.

Coffee house.

I would like to see one of a kind extended to include something like designers and decorators, contractors, etc. starting out in business -- like recent graduates -- start-up businesses.

Candy Store. Bigger Farmers Market.

I would like to see more vendors at our Saturday morning market, Bakeries, restaurants, coffee shop, arts, musicians.

No bars or brewery's.

Artisan Sandwich Café.

It would depend on items/cost.

Coffee Shops

Coffee

Coffee shops, no more bars.

Highland used to have a limit on liquor licenses. We do not need more. Keep it simple.

Garden Center to buy plants, flowers, etc.

Speciality stores.

Books

Frozen yogurt/ice cream

Coffee shops with outdoor seating especially (European style).

No more resale shops. Women's boutiques (new clothes etc.). Children's boutiques (new clothes, items, toys, etc. Specialty foods store (like and Italian market). Ice cream shop (like Gayety's or Plush Horse). Yoga studio or similar.

Home décor, garden center, wine shop, gourmet foods. Would love a pedestrian mall!

Gift shop

Outdoor patio/beer garden. Fresh ingredients farm to table. No pizza places! Ice cream shop?

Antique shops.

I would go to anything that is new.

Resale shops.

Video store

Not high end boutiques. Fun shops with variety of garden décor, gourmet coffee, wine.

Upscale or good quality restaurants - like Theo's or Café Borgia. Quality (not cheap, not teenage) dress shop.

Unique resale shop.

Popcorn, cupcake

Anything to do with pets, speciality food shops.

Children shops.

Dollar store. I miss Ben Franklin store, craft store.

No brewery!

Ice cream: Old fashioned soda shop.

Downtown Highland needs a couple retail anchors -- like a Hallmark store (i.e. Highland Pharmacy basement -- but that means more parking.

Restaurants with patio seating maybe. People love this option.

Unique toy stores. Fresh markets (farmers market type places year round).

Quick grocery shop -- most common needed items, milk, bread, eggs, etc.

Pet shop

Make it interesting and people will come.

Ice cream shop. A children's store, a 5 & 10 store so as not to fight big dept. stores and parking. Get an old silver train car Restaurant with outside café seating, simple menu.

Boutiques (women's, children's, shoes).

Small grocer.

Reasonably priced book store.

Grocery or meat market.

Ice cream

Nature inspired landscape

Winery

We should have a D.D. on Kennedy Ave

Card and gift shop like Hallmark or the former Highland Pharmacy

Ice cream shop or snow cone place

Brewery/wine tasting

A coffee house with food. We need a good book store.

I would like a shop like the old Highland Pharmacy

Pet boutique

Bookstores, music, consignment, wine bars

Women's clothing store, specialty food stores

Quilt shop, book store

Café

Ice Crème shop

Ones that are financially beneficial to town.

I am too old to shop -- almost 97.

The Town Theater is a terrible waste of taxpayers money. Government has no business running a theater that will lose money every year.

None. No foot traffic.

Wood Carvers, Putt Putt Golf Course, Roller Skating Rink, Penny-Nickel-Dime-Quarter Arcade, Good clean fun for the kids.

Coffee shop

Restaurant locally owned

Jewelry -- artist created esp.

Need clothing and shoe store

Dog classes, antique - repurposed, Resale, like thrift shop, fabric/quilting with classes, new book store.

Shoe store and a clothing store. We don't have a Highland downtown. Would be nice to have.

Consignment

Antique or electric wares

Ethnic

Bring back the amazing downtown we once had.

Clothing

Highland has enough bars! Traditions, Rodney's, Franco's. Lets get some family-friendly restaurants downtown

Rental spaces, have to be affordable.

Local artisan, made in the USA

Thrift center

Great ideas, but keep it simple. Maybe an ice-cream or yogurt shop, a little hands-on art store for children.

"Specialty" stores

Cheesecake factory

Boutique clothing. Not Rossor, Marshals or TJ Max

Antique

Crafts

Kid activity, geared store

Pastry/Bakery, small grocery, soda fountain, ice cream shop, family doctor (GP), book store

Jewelry -- handmade, coffee shop, bakery, lunch spot, book store or book share, produce/herbs/etc., flower shop

Whats going to happen to the shops that are there now?

Home décor

Restaurants - we all have to eat!

Book stores, comic shop, organic food shop

Ice cream shop

Clothing

Crafts

Stores that sell wine, tea, book store (like Andersons in Naperville). Better food vendors at the festivals and bring back the name Fall Festival or similar for Fall (October Fest). Restaurants -- not franchises, not fast-food

Gift-card shops, restaurants, Dollar Store, ice cream shop

Food trucks. Need to tie everything together to make people stay and visit several venues all in one night - not just go to one establishment and leave. Something

like Valpo-where every Thurs restaurants/establishments offer a few items for a nominal \$5.00. So you can get a "martini" at one place, an appetizer at another , a dessert etc.

Music

Specialty food stores, ethnic grocery

Restaurant - non-chain, vegan, organic

Book Store--new not used. Jewelry hand crafted or import

Antique stores

Hand made crafts

No resale shops

Coffee Shop

Music Shop

Specialty shops (butcher, print shop, etc.), book stores

Fair trade shop, purses, scarfs, jewelry. They have one in Geneva. See at the Little Traveler

Gift shops

Antique

Local art

Clothing (kids)

Antique/consignment/resale (similar to downtown/square in Crown Point)

Hobby shop, hot dog street vendor

Please try and buy the bldg. on the South side of the theater. It is not very eye appealing business

Craft store, yarn store, snack store, pharmacy, camera store

Wine bars

Regular gift shop, ice cream shop, bakery

Sports items, NBH BB H F

Bicycle shops

Ice cream parlor!

Craft shop, fabric shop

You would like a nice town area. I would like a better block of homes on Anthony Pl instead of living in Gary. The town doesn't seem to do anything about these homes. Just put a red tag on the window. Great Town Board we have.

An old time soda shoppe, with ice cream and soda fountains

Local market, hair salon, nail salon, nutritional store

Yogurt/smoothie shop (fat and/or lactose free)

Live music venues

Coffee shop like Grindhouse in Griffith

Re-sale shops. Street flea market

Brewery - fun for 1/2 times

Bike shop (with bike rentals)

Ice cream, yogurt

Bookstores, DVD, CD

Antique, resale shops

Boutique clothing, artisan foods, antiques

Antiques

Old fashion ice cream store, vendors special occasion hot dog, balloon, popcorn, elephant ear, pretzel, snow cone, picture booth. Time share not all at once

Different artists featured, not always the same. Displays with items for sale. Hand crafted, not commercially bought

I believe it best to keep the "party crowd" off the main road. Plenty of "night life" on Highway.

Not enough parking spaces in downtown area. Too many restaurants now!!!

Boutique style stores

Nostalgia shop, book shop (similar to Borders)

Book store

Resale, thrift, hardware

Ice cream shop

Gourmet shops, discovery shop (for unearthing of talents yet unrecognized). Jewelry - local creativity

Ladies clothing top of the line resale shop

Artist shops like Brown County, Indiana (Nashville)

Local art shop, book store

Antique shops

Coffee shop, bakery with seating

Coffee

I believe there are enough bars in the area

Card shop

Coffee shop

A steam power museum equipment on loan from town board member - Konnie Kuiper. The museum could be added on to Lincoln Center

None of the above

Hardware store

Highland downtown gives no good reason to visit. Needs shops not businesses. Warm, country feeling. Why has Rockville and Nashville been successful for many years

A yarn or art/craft shop would be nice

Museum of NW/Highland History

Upscale clothing. Get rid of Thrift Shop it cheapens the city. Get rid of reptile shop-really? Need to bring better business in.

Antique stores

Street Vendors (Like N.Y.)

Pet friendly shops and restaurants

None

Restaurants with outdoor seating. Farmer's market would also be nice

I always shop at places with unique gifts in Michigan

I would go into all these shops but I probably would not buy anything.

Resale shops, outlet stores, bicycle shops

Gift shops, greeting cards, specialty stores

None! You have let Highway go to the Dogs!!!

Ace hardware store, antique shop

Sewing and crafts

Our whole town is basically made up of three restaurants, bars already

Ice cream/candy shops. Gourmet foods. Toy store

Cafes, specialty sandwiches and bakery

Find something better to do with the money! There is no parking.

Coffee shop

Sandwich shop, coffee shop, bakery

Coffee

Clothing Store

Bakery

Consignment Shops!!

Ice Cream shop

Record shops, punk rock bars and toco shops

OTHER- Q#4- WHAT MODE OF TRANSPORTATION WOULD YOU USE TO GET TO DOWNTOWN HIGHLAND

Motorcycle

My kids rollerblade too.

My neighbor would use a wheel chair.

Moped

Motorcycle

Roller blade, run.

A lot of times I can't find a place to park and I go home.

Motorcycle

All the above -- Bicycle, Own Car, Riding with Others, Walking. 4th of July would be great time to advertise while people are sitting and waiting. Maybe have announcements what will be next event or handouts with website.

If we had a bus service for those who don't have a car. Would be nice!

Live nearby

Free public transportation. I would like to see this become available in Highland.

Walking if there was an easy way to cross Rt 41

Unicycle

Need more bike racks downtown! The one by Langel's is often "full"

Handicapped and elderly need frequent places to sit down

If parking was better!

Ride with others

I don't go downtown Highland

Bus

Bike racks pls!

Where would I park?

Motorcycle

Floating, I float

OTHER - Q#5- IF DRIVING WHERE DO YOU USUALLY PARK IN DOWNTOWN HIGHLAND

My business/house.

The bump outs have caused too many problems.

Any that are available.

All -- Public parking lots, side-street parking, other places of business

I walk.

After hours at library.

Store front

Need more parking.

Out in front of businesses

OLG lot

Church lot during festivals.

Basically wherever available.

Any place open.

Park usually at place attending like Langels or for a fest at friends house close to downtown.

Do something about the parking! Stop putting the burden on Fagen's and First Midwest Bank!

Handicap

Handicap parking or close to stores.

Does downtown Highland have a centrally located parking area? It's needed.

Difficult to Find parking on street.

Along Highway Avenue.

Whenever I'm visiting.

Moped

Motorcycle

By the park across from Out Lady of Grace.

Places on Highway

Parking in downtown Highland is terrible since the "cut-outs" were put in

The thrift store needs to go. They take up all the parking. Put it by Ultra!!!

Parking spaces

Closest to destination

Funeral home.

Jewett Street then walk

OLG parking lot, when thinks going on at Main Square, or in front of business I am going to.

Close to destination as possible.

On Highway or behind library

There is no where to park!

I am not able to drive. I would like to see some type of free public transportation system located in Highland.

Wherever I can find it

Any space I can find. Need MORE parking

At my house. We live uptown or downtown however you put it.

1st Midwest Bank

Usually it's hard to find. (Parking)

Closest parking space to business I'm going to
We need more public parking lots
Wherever there is a spot
Any place I can find
Wherever is available!
Anywhere I can get a spot because it is so limited
Street Parking -- when available
Handicap parking
Video surveillance, Lincolns, Traditions, lot by gas station/bike path
Street -- downtown stinks!
Not enough parking spaces in area!!
Ample parking area NEEDED
Look up! I don't go downtown Highland
OLG Parking lot
Library
Handicapped parking
Highway street angle parking
Where ever you can find a space. The bump outs need to be removed for more parking spaces.
Bring back the parking we used to have downtown. Too many concrete stick outs.
Rizo Insuranced
Handicapped
Business parking lots
Very difficult to park downtown
Handicapped
What about parking?
We need more parking!
Teleport in via ship

OTHER - Q #6- WHAT TYPES OF ENTERTAINMENT WOULD YOU MOST LIKELY ATTEND

Open mic if Lacey is playing.

Plays/drama sometimes

Independent films and foreign film.

Children's entertainment and Children's art/theater/music classes for grandchildren.

Woody Allen, Audrey Hepburn, Film Noir

Sherlock/Temple/Chaplin

Classics

Sci-fi, fantasy

Famous bands concerts.

Star Wars, Baseball--Field of Dreams

Autograph appearances

Pixar films, old time musicals (Carousel, Brigadoon), current musicals (Rent, Pitch Perfect, Drum Line, Stompyard).

Family/Disney

Horror, classic, 80's/90's

They all sound good for different interests.

Jazz would be appreciated.

Classic movies definitely

My wife and I are empty nesters now, but having kid-family entertainment is critical.

Stand-up comedy.

Westerns

Comedy

Make it interesting and people will come.

Patriotic, sci-fi, super heroes, musicals.

Anything, Dance!

Music (fold/easy listening)

Current, new release movies

Music -- but not all rock n' roll noise -- there is enough of that at the square in the summer. Disney, family, classic films from the '30', 40's and 50's.

Classic films, halloween scary movie events, oscar movie events, Starwars event, Wizard of Oz etc.

Foreign films

Set up a stage that would be back in parking lot from Kennedy West and Highway South.

Music -- nice country not so much noise! Light rock. Better festivals - pet oriented.

Adventure/mystery

Car show, cruise nights monthly!

Sci Fi, Film Noir

50's or other eras, black and white, romance, etc.

Family, Comedy, Educational

Silent movies, pre-code films

Music - Big band era

Bond, Capra, etc.

Star Wars, Juassic Park, etc.

How about the NWI symphony instead of the numerous, less than melodious bands that have appeared recently? Specific theme: 4th of July

Horror

Rocky Horror/Disney

Music (classical, jazz). Important: having a good grand piano would be key. Specific theme: by director, foreign countries, vegetarianism, silent films w/live music score

(see "Access Contemporary Music Sounds of Silent Film"), a Chicago based composers group

Music -- Classical or Classic Jazz

80's movies/kid movies/disney movies/etc.

National Holidays, Historical other countries

Live Music. Lana Turner films, Star Wars/Lord of the Rings, etc.

Horror, Classic, Remakes/original

Romantic comedies or Sci-Fi genres. Parisian or Elizabethan Renaissance

Godzilla, 80's theme

Don't try to compete with the CVPA in Muster!

Entertain, dancing, magic, acrobats, etc.

Current movies

Specific themes: any

Sci-Fi/themes involving great actors: "Bogart Nite", etc.

Political panels -- education on current issues

Children movies

Star Wars/Super Hero/A Christmas Story/ Hunger Games (Holiday Block Busters)

Tom Hanks movies, old romances

Suggestion: NWI Symphony Orchestra

Broadway hits

Forensic speaking CONTESTS. Consider a mini Spoleto event w/original art, graphics, story telling, plays, etc. to develop local talent (or an annual week of activity)

None

Foreign films like the Town Theatre showed frequently. Children's movies

Art in Park in Highland

Trios, small bands on the street entertaining, nature

Family themed: Disney, Jurassic Park, Star Wars

Foreign Films, continuing series of 100 best films, Charlie Chaplin festival

NONE

Classic cartoons, Love, Gangster, Mystery, Classic Comedies, Classic Horror. Filmes: Ingrid Burgman, Grace Kelly, Cary Grant, Katherine Hepburn,

Christmas/Christian

All kinds

Outdoor Ice Skating in winter and roller skating in summer

Fundraising

Decades (70's, 80's, etc.), academy award best picture

Improv nights/comedy, girls' night out

Science fiction. The high school has a choral department. Jazz Band? The Chess Club could have a tournament. Use our student talent

How about a Childrens' organization open house - demonstrations by 4-H, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Awana's, etc. To introduce these organizations to the community. Do an adult organization open house. Hold these outdoors.

Childrens

Hitchcock, 80's, John Wayne, Clint Eastwood

First of all Highland should not be in the business of owning movie theatres. This should be privatized. Our money could be better spent else where.

None of these

Ethnic

None of above

Family movies

Comedy

Star Wars

Punk Rock, Rockin Debauchery, Taco events

OTHER - Q #7- HOW MUCH MONEY DO YOU USUALLY SPEND PER PERSON ON AN EVENING OUT

Maybe more at times for special events. Also more if I am shopping.

Depends

It depends on the activity; eating out would be more, movies, etc. would be less.

Depends on the outing.

\$51-\$80 for a very special event

Depends on event

More than \$200 if in Chicago

People buy me things

OTHER - Q #'s 8-10- PLEASE TELL US A LITTLE ABOUT YOURSELF

Highland resident with husband and two school age kids.

Highland resident for 54 years.

Frequent visitor of family/friends.

Highland resident and tax payer.

My daughter lives in Highland.

Have a business in Highland

Highland resident -- 45 years.

Home owner.

Highland resident since 1967.

Business Owner

Highland resident, but student at ASU.

St. John, Indiana

Purdue Cal Grad

Live in Schererville, Highland property owner.

Highland land owner/landlord

Downtown retail business owner

Highland resident for 38 years

Highland resident 42 years

Highland resident 53 years

Young Adult resident, Adult resident

2 blocks away from Town Theater

Within 10 miles

Soon to move somewhere else

Highland resident 58 years. Highland needs to be a unique specialty town

I would like to see all streets pothole free and stripped. Please concentrate on Infrastructure.

Business Owner

Highland resident for over 54 years

Hopefully soon San Antonio, Texas